

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest.

1. Shifting of the College to Ramavarmapuram.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Motions substantially similar to 1 and 4 have been discussed and votes taken during this session and I do not think that these are in order, nor the discussion of them again will serve any public purpose. I do not therefore move resolutions Nos. 1 and 4. I shall move the second and third.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—*This Council recommends to the Government that the Maharaja's College may be shifted to Ramavarmapuram.*

2. Cause-way and bridge—Perumblissery.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I move that 'this Council recommends to the Government that a cause-way and bridge be constructed in or near the Perumblissery Ferry in order to connect Ammatom and Perumblissery by a road'. Ammatom and Perumblissery are separated by a small belt of Kole lands which will be under water for about 8 months in the year. The length of the cause-way and bridge together may not be more than 2 furlongs. All the inhabitants of Parlom, Pallipuram, Kodamannur and Ammatom will be greatly benefited if this is done. Their nearest High School, Registry Office, Police Station, Rural and Panchayat dispensaries, market, etc., are situated in Cherpu or Urakam and the distance by road to these public offices will be reduced by half, if this cause-way and bridge are constructed. In the winter season it is very dangerous to cross the ferry. There had been cases of drowning fatalities in this place before. There are good Panchayat roads on either side of the ferry. The public of the place had been petitioning the Government for the last 20 or 25 years, but nothing has been done till now in this matter. I therefore request that the Government may be pleased to remove this long-standing grievance by constructing a cause-way and bridge there. With these words, I commend the resolution to the acceptance of the House.

Mr. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri.—I second it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, the question of constructing an embankment and bridge in Perumblissery and Ammatom was brought to the notice of the Government some years ago and Government have ordered me to prepare an estimate. I have made the necessary investigations and a cost report of Rs. 30,000 was submitted to the Government. I had also made provision for the work in my budget proposals for works in 1107. But owing to financial difficulties Government had to cut this item from the budget. I

think that the Government will include it as early as possible. Government have pleasure to accept the resolution, subject to financial consideration.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Since the Government have accepted it I do not think that I should press this resolution.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

3. Improvement of Thevar Road.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I beg to move the following resolution. "This Council recommends to the Government to take immediate steps to improve the Thevar Road in the Trichur Taluk." The Thevar Road is a short cut road between Chirakkal and Karivannur. It is one side of an almost equilateral triangle, the other two sides being the road from Chirakkal to Urakam and that from Urakam to Karivannur. It reduces the distance between Triprayar and Karivannur by at least 3 miles. It passes through a thickly populated place called Panamkulam. This was a cartable road once. Strictly speaking it is no road at all now on account of long neglect. Some portions of the road had been completely washed away by the flood of 1909. When this road was neglected by the Government the cultivators of the neighbouring paddy lands began to encroach upon it. Panamkulam is a growing village and there are a very large number of Ezhuva and Muhammedan houses. This is the only road for the people of that village. Since no cart can go through that road, the people of the village have to take the articles produced there which consists mainly of paddy and cocoanut as head loads to the markets. Great difficulty is also felt in taking articles of daily use to that village. The public had brought the unsatisfactory condition of this road to the notice of the Government both through this Council and by means of petitions. The Government had promised to redress their long felt grievance. I find a sum of Rs. 300 provided in the Panchayat budget for this road. The Government will not be able to do anything tangible with this small amount. The length of the road will be about 2 miles. At least 3 or 4 good culverts will have to be constructed. The big ditches in some parts of the road caused by the flood will have to be covered up. The road will have also to be metalled and the metals will have to be brought from distant places. I do not know what they will be able to do with this Rs. 300. Probably they will be able to get the encroachment removed and re-mark the whole road. I am also afraid that it is too big a work for the Panchayat. I therefore request the Government to accept this resolution and take up the improvement of this useful road in the next year itself and remove a long-felt grievance.

Mr. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri.—I second it.